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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

: **Confirmation No. 1913**

Yoshitsugu HAMA et al.

: **Docket No. 2001-1299A**

Serial No. 09/955,969

: **Group Art Unit 1723**

Filed September 20, 2001

: **Examiner Krishnan Menon**

**SEMIPERMEABLE MEMBRANE SUPPORT  
AND PROCESS OF PREPARATION THEREOF**

**Mail Stop Amendment**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of May 17, 2004, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: